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EO. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH KENYATTA

REF: A) NAIROUI 1811, B) STATE 41570 (NOTAL), C) STATE
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1. APPRECIATED REPORT (REFTEL A) OF YOUR TALK WITH
KENYATTA. HIS RESPONSE TO PROJECTED U.S. MILITARY
ASSISTANCE SEEMS TO US TO BE GENERALLY ENCOURAGING. WE
WILL OF COURSE CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE CONCERNS HE EXPRESSED
ABOUT LENGTHY DELIVERY TIMES.

2. MAIN NEED NOW IS FOR GOK TO INDICATE SOONEST EQUIPMENT
IT WISHES ACQUIRE FROM USG. IF REQUEST IS FOR F-5E'S,
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WE WILL EXPEDITE NECESSARY PAPER WORK TO EXTENT POSSIBLE

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SO THAT ORDER FOR AIRCRAFT CAN BE PLACED AT EARLIEST DATE. DELIVERY OF AIRCRAFT SHOULD BEGIN APPROXIMATELY 24 MONTHS FROM DATE OF FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF LETTER OF OFFER. IN ANY CASE, LEAD TIME IS NECESSARY FOR TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY OF RELATED GROUND EQUIPMENT. IT IS OF COURSE IMPORTANT FOR GOK TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE AIRCRAFT AT TIME THEY ARE DELIVERED. (GOK DELEGATION UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED WITH THIS POINT.)

3. IF GOK DESIRES USE FMS CREDITS FOR EQUIPMENT OTHER THAN F5E AIRCRAFT, DEPT/DOD WILL ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE BEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY TIMES. WE ARE INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY THAT SUCH ITEMS AS 90 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, 106 MM RECOIL-LESS RIFLE AND 105 MM TOWED HOWITZER CAN BE OBTAINED IN SHORTER TIME THAN STATED REFTEL B.

4. NO ESTIMATES CAN BE FIRM, HOWEVER (EITHER AS TO PRICE OR AVAILABILITY) UNTIL REQUEST RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY AND LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE PREPARED.

5. VICE PRESIDENT MOI'S SUGGESTION THAT U.S. MIGHT CON-SIDER INCREASING ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS, THUS RELEASING GOK FUNDS FOR MILITARY REQUIREMENTS IS CONTRARY TO UNDERLYING PURPOSE OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT PROVISIONS (E.G., SEC. 620 (S)) RELATING TO USE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS AND SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED. SUGGESTION THAT U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS ARE RELEASING GOK FUNDS FOR MILITARY REQUIREMENTS COULD ADVERSE-LY AFFECT AID PROGRAMS. INGERSOLL

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